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1. FYI, ON 3 MARCH, AMBASSADOR DAVIES WAS UNEXPECTEDLY SUMMONED TO FOREIGN MINISTRY WHERE VICE MINISTER SPASOWSKI HANDED HIM AIDE MEMOIRE PROTESTING RECENT SERIES OF ATTACKS, THREATS, AND OTHER INCIDENTS INVOLVING POLISH DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL IN THE UNITED STATES. (WARSAW EMBASSY TELEGRAM (NK/14969) 1344 REPORTS TEXT.) MOST RECENT INCIDENT WAS PUBLICATION IN NEW YORK DAILY NEWS ON 27 FEBRUARY OF ARTICLE WHICH NAMED TWO POLISH DIPLOMATS AS INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS ON BASIS OF INFO PROVIDED BY "FREE POLAND" ORGANIZATION AND ALSO REFERRED TO THE MURDER OF DICK WELCH IN ATHENS.

2. SPASOWSKI SAID POLES ARE EXTREMELY UNHAPPY ABOUT CONTINUING INCIDENTS AND PARTICULARLY ABOUT DAILY NEWS ARTICLE WHICH, BY IDENTIFYING DIPLOMATS AS INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS IN CONTEXT WELCH ASSASSINATION, CREATES A THREAT TO THE DIPLOMATS INVOLVED. MOREOVER, WHEN REPRESENTATIVE OF POLISH

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EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON CALLED AT DEPARTMENT ON 2 MARCH TO EXPRESS CONCERN AND INDIGNATION ABOUT THIS AND PREVIOUS INCIDENTS, THEY HAD RECEIVED "ENTIRELY UNSATISFACTORY" RESPONSE. DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE ALLEGEDLY TOLD THEM THAT NOTHING CAN BE DONE TO CONTROL SUCH STORIES, WHICH REPRESENT FORM OF RETALIATION FOR SIMILAR ONES IN WEST EUROPEAN PRESS, AND ADVISED POLES TO BE "THICKSKINNED" IN THEIR REGARD.

3. DURING HIS PRESENTATION, POLISH VICE MINISTER MADE AND EMPHASIZED POINT THAT ONE OF GUIDELINES FOR POLISH RELATIONS WITH ANY STATE IS "PRINCIPLE OF TOTAL RECIPROCITY". MESSAGE WAS CLEAR TO THE AMBASSADOR THAT RETALIATION OF SOME KIND IS POSSIBLE UNLESS POLES ARE CONVINCED SOON THAT DEPARTMENT TAKES THEIR CONCERN SERIOUSLY AND THAT EVERYTHING POSSIBLE WILL BE DONE TO MEET THEIR DEMANDS. HE IS EMPHASIZING THIS CONVICTION IN CABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT AND MEANWHILE CALLED SITUATION TO ATTENTION OF STATION, WHICH IS REASONABLE TARGET FOR ANY POSSIBLE RETALIATION. AMBASSADOR SEPARATELY RAISED SUBJECT AT GENERAL STAFF MEETING ON 4 MARCH.

4. WE NOTE FROM ARTICLE IN 4 MARCH TRIBUNA LUDU THAT AMBASSADOR STOESEL WAS SUMMONED TO SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY

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